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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 as regards restrictions to the access to Union waters **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act = Statements

Joint statement by the Commission and the European Parliament

The Commission and the European Parliament take note of the situation of fisheries in the Channel and the concerns raised by local and regional fisheries stakeholders, including fishers, regarding the use of demersal seines by numerous vessels.

The Commission and the European Parliament encourage close cooperation between those stakeholders and initiatives from them and invite Member States to follow-up, where relevant, with the submission of joint recommendations. The Commission will follow-up with measures, where appropriate, including technical measures, based on consultations of stakeholders and an assessment by the relevant scientific bodies including an assessment of socio-economic impacts. In this regard, the Commission will ensure that funding is available for scientific research and advice.

Statement by the Commission

In the event that it considers a review of the CFP Regulation, the Commission will conduct an impact assessment, along the lines of the Better Regulation principles. The Commission will make available to the co-legislators the impact assessment at the moment it publishes such proposal.

Alternatively, it will consider reporting on the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy at the latest by 2032.